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Missouri River Fish and Wildlife Mitigation Project Berger Bend, MO



At the left of this photo is the bank line of the Berger Bend mitigation site, May 2004

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Location

6 miles east of Hermann in Franklin County, Missouri.

Description

The Berger Bend mitigation site is approximately 474 acres in size. The area is adjacent to the right descending bank of the Missouri River at river miles 93 to 90.

The lands at the Berger Bend mitigation site were purchased by the Corps of Engineers from willing sellers from 1995 through 1998. The lands were in cultivation, but were heavily damaged by sands carried by the 1993 flood. The lands include approximately 60 acres of land that is enrolled in the NRCS Wetland Reserve Program.

Since the time of purchase, the Corps has been leasing portions of the land for agricultural production. This practice has allowed the area to remain open while additional surrounding areas were acquired. Unfortunately, additional willing sellers have not come forward at this site.

In 2004, the lands began to be fully removed from agricultural production. The formerly cultivated areas will be planted with native trees. The area also has valuable scour hole and forested wetland habitats outside the existing levee that are being maintained by the Corps.

Current Status

The Berger Bend area will be turned over to the Missouri Department of Conservation once the tree plantings are completed in December 2005 so that they may manage the lands. The mitigation site is now open to the public for a variety of uses including fishing, bird watching, hiking, and hunting.



Winter view of forested area outside existing levee, Dec, 2003